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## **Representative Todd Clodfelter Applauds Governor Ducey for Signing Bill to Simplify Juvenile Name Changes in Adoption Cases**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Todd Clodfelter (R-10) today applauded Governor Ducey for signing into law [HB 2435](#), legislation he sponsored that permits the juvenile court to change the name of a child, who is the subject of an adoption, to the name requested by the adoptive parents and also requires the court to consider of the wishes of the child.

Prior to the signing of HB 2435, the Superior Court held jurisdiction over juvenile name changes.

**“This commonsense legislation closes the gaps in the existing laws surrounding adoption to solidify the rights of children and their families in distress,”** said Representative Clodfelter. **“I applaud Governor Ducey for signing this legislation and thank my colleagues in the Legislature for passing the bill.”**

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